

## Spectators' Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

### I commit to the following:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is, primarily, for them.
- I will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other team or league event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing or taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than the outcome of the game.
- I will encourage my child to compete fairly.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making mistakes.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches or referees at the game field.
- I will speak with my team coach at an agreed upon time and place to discuss any concerns I might have.
- **I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am a designated coach or assistant for that team.**